States/UTs Implementing Annapurna Schem	No. of Beneficiaries
Tripura	11480
Uttar Pradesh	206870
Uttaranchal	12609
TOTAL :	6,50,222

Distribution of wasteland to SCs and STs

4077. SHRI RAJU PARMAR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that crores of acres of land is lying as wasteland in the country; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to distribute this land to the landless people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA) :

(a) The total extent of Wasteland in the country including unused land is 63.85 million ha. State-wise details are given in the Statement I. (*See* below.)

(b) Land is a State subject and the distribution of Wasteland is done by State Governments/UTs depending on the availability of land. The total area of Wasteland distributed throughout the country, till March 2000, is 147.47 lakh acres. While distributing the land, the interest of the poor landless people and Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes is always kept in view by the Government. The State-wise distribution of Wasteland has been reflected in Statement II. (*See* below.)

Statement I

State-wise Wastelands in the Country

State	Area (in sq. Kms.)
1. A. P.	51750.19
2. Arunachal Pradesh	18326.25
3.. Assam	20019.17
4. Bihar	20997.55

State	Area (in sq. Kms.)
5. Goa	613.27
6. Gujarat	43021.28
7. Haryana	3733.98
8. Himachal Pradesh	31659.00
9. J&K	65444.24
10. Karnataka	20839.28
11. Kerala	1448.18
12. M.P.	69713.75
13. Maharashtra	53489.08
14. Manipur	12948.62
15. Meghalaya	9904.38
16. Mizoram	4071.68
17. Nagaland	8404.10
18. Orissa	21341.71
19. Punjab	2228.40
20. Rajasthan	105639.11
21. Sikkim	3569.58
22. Tripura	1276.03
23. Tamil Nadu	23013.90
24. U.P.	38772.80
25. West Bengal	5718.48
26. Union Territories	574.30
TOTAL :	638518.31 sq. kms.
or	63.85 million ha.

Statement II

Distribution of Government Wastelands as on March, 2000

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Area Distributed in Lakh Acres
1.	Andhra Pradesh	42.02
2.	Assam	5.89
3.	Bihar	13.21
4.	Gujarat	13.81

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Area Distributed in Lakh Acres
5.	Haryana	0.00
6.	Himachal Pradesh	0.17
7.	Karnataka	13.72
8.	Kerala	4.57
9.	Madhya Pradesh	0.79
10.	Maharashtra	10.23
11.	Manipur	0.32
12.	Punjab	1.10
13.	Orissa	7.26
14.	Tamil Nadu	2.07
15.	Tripura	1.32
16.	Uttar Pradesh	24.89
17.	West Bengal	4.32
18.	Goa	0.05
19.	Mizoram	0.74
20.	Rajasthan	0.93
21.	Delhi	0.06
	TOTAL	147.47

Rural Water Supply Projects taken up under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission in Orissa

4078. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Rural Water Supply Projects taken up in Orissa under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the present status of work on these projects; and

(c) the fresh steps taken/proposed for time-bound completion of work on these projects ?